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SUBJ: BLUE-SKY SOLUTIONS TO POPULATION PROBLEMS: SALVADOR

HOPES TO SEND COLONISTS TO BRAZIL OR BELIZE

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1. I JOINED FONMIN BORGONOVO JULY 15 IN AN AERIAL TOUR OF SEVERAL OF HIS AGRICULTURAL PROPERTIES (WHICH INCLUDE 10,00# ACRES ON THE NICARAGUAN SIDE OF THE GULF OF FONSECA). THE LOFTY PERSPECTIVE WAS APPARENTLY CONDUCIVE TO DISCUSSION OF LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS, FOR MY HOST MENTIONED COLONIZATION AS A POSSIBLE DE-FUSER OF THE SALVADORAN POPULATION BOMB. HE SAID THAT THE GOES AND GOB WERE INVOLVED IN VERY TENTATIVE DISCUSSIONS OF SALVADORAN COLONIZATION IN THE BRAZILIAN STATE OF RORAIMA. THE BRAZILIANS DO NOT WANT VENEZUELAN OR GUYANAN COLONISTS FOR FEAR OF EVENTUAL BORDER PROBLEMS, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT THEY DO WANT TO POPULATE THE AREA AND THEY WOULD

WELCOME SALVADORAN CAPITAL END CAMPESINOS. I ASKED HOW MANY PEOPLE SALVADOR COULD AFFORD TO LOSE AND HE SUGGESTED THAT APPROXIMATELY THE ANNUAL INCREASE (3.5 PERCENT) MIGHT BE SENT OUT EACH YEAR; HE ENVISIONED NO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS. A

SALVADORAN BUSINESS MAN AND PUBLISHER (EL MUNDO) IS CURRENTLY ON A TRIP TO CHECK THE MATTER OUT.

2. I ASKED IF THERE MIGHT BE A CLOSER SOLUTION, NICARAGUA OR, SAY, BELIZE. HE SAID THAT INDEED THE GOES WAS TENTATIVELY EXPLORING A PLAN TO SOLVE GUATEMALA'S DISPUTE WITH BRITAIN, BELIZE'S UNDERPOPULATION, AND SALVADOR'S OVERPOPULATION. HE ENVISIONS FIRST OF ALL BELIZIAN INDEPENDENCE. THEN, GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND BELIZE WOULD FORM A CUSTOMS UNION, INTO WHICH HONDURAS WOULD ULTIMATELY BE DRAWN (NICARAGUA "PRESENTS TOO MANY PROBLEMS"). USING CUSTOMS REVENUES, GUATEMALA AND EL SALVADOR WOULD SUBSIDIZE BELIZE ("WHICH IS TOO SMALL TO EXIST AS A STATE") AND HONDURAS ("WHICH SUFFERED UNDER THE CACM"). IN TURN, EL SALVADOR WOULD BE ALLOWED TO SEND COLONISTS TO BELIZE. HE INDICATED THAT THE BRITISH ARE AWARE OF THE OUTLINES OF THIS PLAN. AS TO TIMING, HE ONLY SHRUGGED AND SAID "WHO KNOWS?"
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